

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A computer based system for illustrating product data comprising:

- (a) an input interface wherein a user selects one or more products;
- (b) at least one database comprising product data of the products;
- (c) a program in communication with the input interface and the at least one database, wherein the program retrieves selected product data for products selected by the user; and

- (d) an output interface in communication with the program, which outputs and illustrates at least some of the selected product data retrieved from the database,

wherein the computer based system is interactive with the user, such that the user may adjust at least some of the product data retrieved from the database and illustrated in the output interface to generate additional product data, wherein the adjustable product data comprises one or more of a component mixing ratio, a RTS price and coating component data comprising one of more of a code, a description, a price and a package size.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the program communicates with the input interface, the database, and the output interface via a communication media comprising one or more types of computer networks.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising a maintenance interface in communication with the database.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising an output device in communication with the output interface.

5. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the output device is selected from the group consisting of a printer, a fax machine, a diskette and a compact disc.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the user selects at least two products.

7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the input interface comprises a plurality of input screens.

8. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the products comprise coatings.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the description designates a quality grade of the coating.

12. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the input interface comprises a product search tool.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the search tool comprises a list of product suppliers and brands.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the search tool comprises a list of paint lines.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the search tool comprises a list of product mix categories.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the search tool comprises a list of products.

17. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the program resides on a server.

18. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the database comprises product data for a plurality of products of a plurality of product suppliers.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein system is capable of generating a report that illustrates the contents of the output interface.

21. (Previously Presented) A computer-generated report illustrating the contents of an output interface, wherein the report comprises selected product data of one or more products, wherein the product data is retrieved from at least one database comprising product data of one or more products and outputted via the output interface, and wherein at least some of the product data retrieved from the database and illustrated in the output interface is adjustable in the output interface to generate additional product data, wherein the adjustable product data comprises one or more of a component mixing ratio, a RTS price and coating component data comprising one or more of a code, a description, a price and a package size.

22. (Original) A document comprising the report of claim 21.

23. (Original) The report of claim 21, wherein the report comprises selected product data of at least two products.

24. (Original) The report of claim 23, wherein the products comprise coatings.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) The report of claim 21, wherein the description designates a quality grade of the coating.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) A computer-based method for generating a report comprising product data of one or more products, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving a selection of one or more products from a user via an input interface;

(b) retrieving product data of the one or more products from at least one database comprising product data of one or more products;

(c) outputting and illustrating selected product data of the one or more products in an output interface,

wherein at least some of the illustrated product data retrieved from the database and illustrated in the output interface is adjustable by the user in the output interface to generate additional product data, wherein the adjustable product data comprises one or more of a component mixing ratio, a RTS price and coating component data comprising one or more of a code, a description, a price and a package size; and

(d) generating a report that illustrates the contents of the output interface.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein step (a) comprises receiving a selection of at least two products from a user.

31. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the products comprise

coatings.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Canceled)

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the description designates a quality grade of the coating.

35. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the input interface comprises a plurality of input screens.

36. (Canceled)

37. (Original) The method of claim 29, further comprising: (e) delivering the contents of the report to an output device to produce a document illustrating the report.

38. (Previously Presented) A method of using a computer to compare product data, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) using a computer-based input interface to input a selection of at least two products to be compared; and

(b) reviewing an output interface illustrating selected product data of the at least two products, wherein the selected product data is retrieved from at least one database comprising product data of at least two products and outputted via the output interface,

wherein at least some of the illustrated selected product data retrieved from at least one database is adjustable by the user in the output interface, wherein the adjustable product data comprises one or more of a component mixing ratio, a RTS price and coating component data comprising one or more of a code, a description, a price and a package size.

39. (Original) The method of claim 38, further comprising: (d) generating a report that illustrates the contents of the output interface.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Canceled)

42. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein the description designates a quality grade of the coating.

43. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein the input interface comprises a plurality of input screens.

44. (Canceled)

45. (Original) The method of claim 38, further comprising: (e) delivering the contents of the report to an output device to produce a document illustrating the report.

46. (New) The computer based system of claim 1 for illustrating product data further comprising:

competitive products, said competitive products competing with said one or more user selected products, said program retrieves some selected product data for competitive products and said output interface outputs and illustrates at least some of the selected product data of competitive products concurrent with said selected product data of said products selected by the user.

47. (New) The report of claim 21, wherein the report further comprises:
product data of competitive products, said competitive products
competing with said one or more products, and said output interface outputs and
illustrates at least some of the product data of competitive products concurrent with
said selected product data of said products.

48. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein said product data of step
(c) further comprises product data of competitive products, said competitive products
competing with said one or more selected products.

49. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein at least one product data is
for a competitive product.